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## URBAN DISTRICT OF ALDRIDGE-BROWNHILLS

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(as at 31st December, 1967)

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### CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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T. Prime, M.A.P.H.I.  
D. Poyne, M.A.P.H.I.

### PUPIL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

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Miss B. A. Dryhurst, "Cloverdale", 34, Parkgate Road, Cannock Wood, Nr. Rugeley.

#### SOCIAL WORKER

Mrs. A. M. Clarke.

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Mr. G. Edwards.  
Mr. P. Davison  
Mrs. S. S. H. Mills  
Mr. G. Dexter.



## HOME TEACHER FOR THE BLIND

Mrs. Wilby

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Mr. W. A. Brookes

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A. J. O'Connor,  
Miss J. Roberts.  
Miss C. Preece  
G. Emery.

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## CHIROPODISTS

Mr. C. J. Bradbury  
Mrs. J. Collins  
Miss J. Hayes  
Mr. M. Snowden.

## HOME HELP ORGANISER

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## CHIEF CLERK

E. Marklew

## MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S SECRETARY

Miss B. M. Moore.

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Mrs. P. Cox  
Miss S. Groom  
Miss S. Kirkham.

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W. H. Platt  
S. J. Wright.

To the Aldridge-Brownhills Urban District Council

Mr. Chairmon, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting to you the Annual Report for 1967.

The major event of the year came on 1st December when Health and Welfare Services were delegated to us. Accordingly my report contains some statistics concerning these services for the month of December, not only to supplement the County Medical Officer's Report, but also in order to present a glimpse of the range of those services. The figures themselves, out of context with those for the remainder of the year, have no relevance.

It is, of course, rather early to comment on delegation as such. I have however, already drawn certain preliminary conclusions which I feel merit your attention.

I think at the time of writing - August 1968 - the delegated services are functioning as well as, and in some instances better than before. Time and again, when dealing with a difficult case, it has proved a great advantage to be able to use the necessary staff in a quickly co-ordinated effort. Previously intractable cases have proved amenable to this effort. Staff relations have considerably improved following more frequent staff conferences, and the opportunity of personal interview. You, as a Council, have had a far more direct say in many health and welfare services, e.g. re-organisation of the services for the public health, cytology, family planning, fluoridation etc. There is thus great hope for the future, if the Local Government Reorganisation leaves us more or less in peace.

There are however, quite considerable difficulties to overcome. Staff difficulties are prominent both in the medical and nursing field. The delay of delegation of Education has meant a delay in transfer of the School Health Service which should be an integral part of the Health Services. Both doctors and Health Visitors are also employed in the School Health Service. This has meant that our original intention to employ full time Medical Officers for this Authority has had to be dropped, and that we have to make do with the odd services of this and that doctor made to us kindly available by the County Council. No loyal, dedicated and purposeful effort is possible in the circumstances. No other than a minimum effort is possible. It is, therefore, essential that the School Health Service be transferred to us as soon as possible. This I feel, is not realised by many Councillors.

Another great difficulty is the recruitment of Health Visitors. It is essential to plan replacements in good time, if we are to maintain even a minimum service. The County Council are the central Training Authority and we have to rely on them for the training of Health Visitors, unless they find it possible to accede to our request to allow us two training places in Birmingham every year.

Here I wish to thank the County Medical Officer and his staff for the very great consideration and help they have given me at all times. There have been minor differences, but I hope that they will not result in the invasion of this area by staffs' troops. Any difficulties (staff, finance, regulations etc) will, I feel sure, be resolved by friendly discussion.

Great changes are rumoured both for Local Government as a whole and the Health and Welfare Services in particular. Whatever may happen, I feel confident that we are on the right path, and that, if we are deflected from it, this will not be to our advantage. We have the right type of area on which to concentrate our efforts. I am also more convinced than ever that medical direction of social services is absolutely essential to give a worthwhile result.

With regard to environmental services there have been no major changes. Vital statistics are not strictly comparable in view of the Amalgamation of Districts which took place in 1966. But they have remained satisfactory. The "Captains of Death" are as before - heart disease and cancer.

I wish to thank the Chairmon, all members of the Health Committee and Dr. C.E. Jamison, Area Medical Officer of Health, Lichfield, for the sympathetic help afforded on many occasions. Similarly, I wish to thank the Clerk and my other Chief Officer colleagues for many a kind word of advice. Last not least, I should like to state how fortunate I am to have the advice and co-operation of the Chief Public Health Inspector and all the other staff of the Public Health Department.

I am, Mr. Chairmon, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

H. SHORE

Medical Officer of Health.

## SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Area

Population

Rateable Value

Vital Statistics

Births

Deaths.

# STATISTICS

Area of Urban District	13,276 acres
Estimated Population 1967	84,780
Roteable Value of 1st April 1967	£2,652,143
Estimated net product of 1d. Rote	£11,066

## VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Mathers and Infants</u>		<u>Aldridge-Brownhills</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
Live Births:			
Number		1860	-
Rate per 1,000 population		16.43	17.2
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)		3.75	-
Still Births:			
Number		31	-
Rate per 1,000 live and still births		16	14.8
Total Live and Still Births		1891	-
Infant Deaths (deaths under one year)		38	-
Infant Mortality Rates:			
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births		20.4	18.3
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births		20.6	-
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births		14.29	-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)		13.98	12.5
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)		12.29	10.8
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)		29	25.4
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)			
Number of deaths		Nil	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births			-
<u>Deaths</u>			
Deaths from all causes	Males	342	
	Females	260	
	Total	602	
Death rate per 1,000 population		12.07	11.2

## AREA COMPARABILITY FACTORS

Area Comparability Factors (A.C.F's) - used for calculating the corrected birth and death rates are as follows for 1967 (births 0.75, deaths 1.70). This means a lowering of the crude birth rate and an increase of the crude death rate, and takes into account the fact that as the district develops the number of residents in the younger age groups annually increases. In other words the A.C.F's make an approximate allowance for the way sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales as a whole.

When so corrected, the birth and death rates are comparable with the crude rates for England and Wales, or with corresponding corrected rates for any other area.

In addition, the death rate A.C.F. is now adjusted specifically to take account of any "residential institutions" in the area.

### BIRTHS

Births in the district have again fallen, compared with the previous year as they have in England and Wales.

#### Live Births:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	945	845	1790
Illegitimate	39	31	70
	<u>984</u>	<u>876</u>	<u>1860</u>

The crude live birth rate per 1,000 of the population was 21.9 and the corrected live birth rate was 16.43, the latter can be compared with the figure of 17.2 for the whole of England and Wales.

The number of illegitimate live births was 3.75 per cent of total live births.

#### Still Births:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	11	18	29
Illegitimate	1	1	2
	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>31</u>

Still birth rate was 16 per 1,000 total live and still births (England and Wales 14.8).

Live births exceeded deaths by 1,258

### DEATHS

There were 602 deaths (342 male and 260 female) during the year giving a crude death rate of 7.1 and the corrected death rate of 12.07 per 1,000 population. The crude death rate for the whole of England and Wales was 11.2.

Male deaths were 56.8% of all deaths.

## TOTAL DEATHS

Causes of Death in 1967

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	3	-
Tuberculosis - Other	1	-
Syphilitic disease	2	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	10	10
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Branchus	20	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	15
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	3
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	32	24
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	1
Diabetes	3	2
Vascular Lesions of Nervous Systems	34	38
Coronary disease, Angina	85	51
Hypertension with heart disease	12	6
Other heart disease	19	29
Other circulatory disease	6	9
Pneumonia	15	10
Bronchitis	35	7
Other diseases of respiratory system	5	5
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	3
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-
Congenital Malformations	7	4
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	28	26
Motor Vehicle accidents	9	4
All other accidents	5	7
Suicide	4	3
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	342	260

CAUSES OF DEATH - CLASSIFICATION BY AGE GROUPS

Causes of Death	Males								Females								Total
	01	1-	5-	15-	25-	45-	65-	75+	0-	1-	5-	15-	25-	45-	65-	75+	
Tuberculosis Respiratory	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Tuberculosis Other	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	1	20
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	-	-	-	-	2	11	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	21
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	8	1	3	15
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3
Other Malignant and Lymphatic	-	-	-	-	2	14	8	-	-	-	1	-	1	8	12	3	56
Leukaemia, Aleukoemia (Neoplasms	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Vascular Lesions of Nervous Systems	-	-	-	-	4	8	9	13	-	-	-	-	-	1	14	20	72
Coronary Disease, Angina	7	-	-	-	6	40	19	20	-	-	-	-	-	4	14	25	136
Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	18
Other Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	2	6	8	3	-	-	-	-	2	5	6	16	48
Other Circulatory Disease	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	15
Pneumonia	5	-	-	1	-	1	2	6	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	5	25
Branchitis	-	-	-	-	-	10	12	13	3	1	-	-	1	-	2	3	42
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	10
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diorthoea	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Congenital malformations	4	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other defined and ill defined diseases	12	1	1	-	2	4	3	5	9	2	-	-	2	6	5	2	54
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	1	5	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	13
All Other Accidents	-	-	1	2	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	12
Suicide	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	7
TOTAL - Separate Age Groups	22	4	4	9	25	107	85	86	16	4	1	1	11	62	67	98	602
TOTAL - All Causes	342																260

## INFANT DEATHS

	<u>MALES</u>			<u>FEMALES</u>		
	<u>Legitimate.</u>	<u>Illegitimate.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Legitimate.</u>	<u>Illegitimate.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 1 week of age	13	-	13	11	-	11
Under 4 weeks of age	14	-	14	12	-	12
Under 1 year of age	21	1	22	16	-	16

The 26 deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age were classified under the following causes

	<u>MALE</u>		<u>FEMALE</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Legitimate.</u>	<u>Illegitimate.</u>	<u>Legitimate.</u>	<u>Illegitimate.</u>	
Pneumonia	2	-	1	-	3
Congenital Malformations	1	-	3	-	4
Prematurity	6	-	5	-	11
Atelectasis	2	-	1	-	3
Respiratory Disease Syndrome	2	-	1	-	3
Meconium Ileus	1	-	-	-	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	-	-	1	-	1

## CANCER

117 deaths (63 male, 54 female) resulted from malignant neoplasms and included in these were 21 (20 male, 1 female) due to cancer of the lung and/or bronchus.



## PERSONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES (DELEGATED)

Attachment

Cervical Cytology

Chiropody

Day Nurseries

Family Planning

Fluoridation

Health Visiting

Home Help

Home Nursing

Infant Welfare Centres

Mental Health

Midwifery

Nurseries &amp; Child Minders

Nursing Comforts Equipment

Premature Infants

Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care

Vaccination and Immunisation

Welfare Foods Distribution

Welfare of the Blind and Partially Sighted

Welfare of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Welfare of the Physically Handicapped

ATTACHMENT SCHEMES

At the time of delegation no attachment schemes were operating in the Urban District. It appears that the majority of general practitioners are in favour of attachment. Discussions are, therefore, proceeding with both doctors and staff.

## CERVICAL CYTOLOGY

Two Cervical Cytology Clinics operate weekly in the Urban District; at the Welfare Centre, Leighswood Road, Aldridge on Tuesday mornings and the Welfare Centre, Pier Street, Bournville on Friday mornings.

A total of 68 women were examined during December and by the end of 1967 969 women had received examinations. No positive cases were discovered during December.

This Authority is shortly obtaining a computer but until such time as this is available advantage is being taken of the County Council's offer to use its computer facilities at Stafford. Apart from providing a mechanised recall system various other statistics will be obtainable and these should be of considerable benefit for analytical purposes.

Demand for the service appears to fluctuate considerably. Initial publicity in the press and other media both at national and local level resulted in a tremendous response at first but this has tended to wane. Advertisements are issued periodically in the local press to stimulate demand and are successful in the short-term. Approaches have also been made to firms employing large sections of female labour but it is not possible to say to what extent such employees have attended. At the time of writing demand for the service is particularly heavy and both Clinics are fully booked for at least three months.

One basic difficulty is that, generally speaking, it is the younger and better educated classes of women who make application for examination and some way must be found of securing the attendance of the older, less well educated women, who for some reason, possibly fear, ignorance or apathy are unwilling to take advantage of the service. Indeed, this is most unfortunate as one can expect that the latter are within the greatest 'at risk' range.

## CHIROPODY

Chiropody treatment is available for aged persons, the physically handicapped, expectant mothers and school children. Four part-time Chiropodists are employed to carry out this work.

During the month of December, 1967 161 clinic treatments and 108 domiciliary treatments were given to adults. Of these 43 were for physically handicapped cases. 18 school children received treatment.

At the end of the year 548 people had received treatment since the inception of the service in 1960.

## DAY NURSERIES

Unfortunately there is no day nursery in the Urban District. We are, however, extremely fortunate in that the City of Birmingham is most helpful in providing places at its Kingstanding Day Nursery for priority cases where geographical location makes it feasible. At the end of the year 4 children from the Urban District were attending this Birmingham Day Nursery.

## FAMILY PLANNING

In the course of the year negotiations with the local branch of the Family Planning Association resulted in Family Planning Clinics opening at Aldridge and Pheasey as follows :-

Infant Welfare Centre  
Leighswood Road,  
Aldridge.

Mondays 7.00. - 8.30 p.m.

Infant Welfare Centre  
Beacon Road,  
Pheasey.

Tuesdays 7.15. - 8.30 p.m.

These have both proved most successful and at the time of writing an additional session has been arranged at both Clinics.

Statistics are available only for the Aldridge Clinic for December and these are shown below.

Number of Patients	Referred by					
	Patients or Friends	General Practitioner	Hospital	Local Authority	Other Sources	F.P.A. Transfers
264	28	49	1	1	75	110

## FLUORIDATION

The Council has re-affirmed its decision in favour of fluoridation and as the Ministry of Health have ruled that a delegated health authority is in the same position as a local health authority as regards fluoridation a firm approach has been made to the local water undertaking. Unfortunately one local health authority in the area of supply is not in favour. As it is impossible to isolate fluoridation to a particular local authority area the wishes of the majority are being prejudiced and fluoridation of the public water supply cannot proceed.

## HEALTH VISITING

11 Health Visitors were employed at the end of the year against an establishment of 18 Miss. B. Dryhurst, the Area Nursing Officer, supervises the work of the Health Visitors as she does for Midwives and District Nurses.

Without wishing to be unduly pessimistic I regret to say that the staffing situation seems unlikely to improve in the foreseeable future. The policy of employing Clinic Nurses against the vacancies on the Health Visitor establishment goes same way towards meeting difficulties caused by the shortage but is not entirely satisfactory because of the limitations on the functions they can undertake. Clerical assistance is also made available at Clinics and car allowances payable to all Health Visitors to enable them to concentrate as far as possible on their specialised nursing duties.

The following table gives details of home visiting undertaken by the Health Visitors during December.

	Expectant Mothers	Children Aged			Aged 65+	Mentally Disordered	Hospital Discharges (Except Mat & Mental Cases)	T.B.	Infectious Diseases	Other Visits
		- 1	1 - 2	2 - 5						
First Visit	33	126	91	65	8	1	4	1	-	-
Total Visits	35	547	276	410	14	5	4	37*	-	14

\* This figure includes visits made by the T.B. Visitor

## HOME HELP SERVICE

No. of cases on books at 31st December, 1967 473

No. of home helps employed at 31st December, 1967 103

### Breakdown of cases:-

Maternity cases 19

Aged 65+ 408

Chronic sick 42

Problem family 1

Past Operative 3

Mentally disturbed -

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473

## HOME NURSING

It is pleasing to be able to report that the problems of recruitment experienced with midwives and health visitors do not apply in the home nursing service. All 14 posts on the establishment were filled at 31st December.

Supervision is exercised by Miss Dryhurst, the Area Nursing Officer.

One male nurse is engaged to deal with heavy cases and other patients better suited to nursing by a male nurse.

The following tables give some statistical information for the month of December.

Classification by Patients

								Patients included in 2 - 7 who were		
								65 or over of first visit	Under 5 at time of first visit	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
No. of cases attended	197	36	-	2	-	24	259	42	1	
No. of visits	1824	636	-	44	12	127	2648	-	-	
Classification by Treatment										
General Nursing Care	Dressings	Observation of Patient	Enemas	Changing of Pessaries	Washouts Douches Catheterisation	Preparation for Diagnostic Investigation	Injections of Antibiotic	Other Injections	Other Treatment	
1033	592	569	18	6	19	21	101	923	8	

# INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

Leighswaad Raad, Aldridge . . . . .	Wednesdays and Fridays	2 - 4 p.m.
Pier Street, Brownhills . . . . .	Tuesdays and Fridays	2 - 4 p.m.
High Street, Pelsall . . . . .	Mandays and Thursdays	2 - 4 p.m.
Beacon Road, Pheasey . . . . .	Mondays and Fridays	2 - 4 p.m.
Caalheath Lane, Shelfield . . . . .	Tuesdays only	2 - 4 p.m.
Blackwood Raad, Streetly . . . . .	Mondays and Thursdays	2 - 4 p.m.
Community Centre, Springfields, Rushall . . . . .	Wednesdays only	2 - 4 p.m.
Ebenezer Chapel, Walsall Wood . . . . .	Wednesdays only	2 - 4 p.m.

## Attendances during December 1967

	No. of children under 1 year attending for first time.	Attendances				
		under 1 year	1 - 2 years	3 - 5 years	Total	Average attendance per Session
Aldridge	24	409	24	25	458	57 . 25
Brownhills	10	175	27	26	228	28 . 50
Pelsall	17	239	73	85	397	56 . 72
Pheasey	30	289	49	108	446	55 . 75
Shelfield	6	78	21	31	130	43 . 33
Streetly	25	362	110	21	493	61 . 62
Rushall	1	59	13	11	83	27 . 66
Walsall Wood	11	55	25	29	109	36 . 33
Total	124	1,666	342	336	2,344	48 . 83.

## MENTAL HEALTH

The following table shows the work performed by the Mental Welfare Officers during the month of December, 1967

Number of cases referred to Mental Welfare Officers in the month. 28

Number of cases previously known 14

Sources of referral -

General Practitioners	16
Hospitals	10
Police and Courts	1
Relatives	1
Ministry of Social Security	-

Disposals:

Advice to referring Agency	5	Home Visits by Mental Welfare Officers	93
Advice to Patients	-	Visits to patients in hospital or hostel	7
Admitted to Hospital	9	Visits to patients under Guardianship	17
Observation (further visits necessary)	14		

## MIDWIFERY

The district has an establishment of 22 domiciliary midwives. At the end of 1967 14 whole time and 3 part time midwives were in post. Supervision of the midwives is exercised by Miss B. Dryhurst, the Area Nursing Officer and she is also responsible for control of District Nurses and Health Visitors.

The following table summarises the work of the domiciliary midwives in the Urban District during December.

Domiciliary Confinements			Number of cases delivered in hospital and other institutions but discharged and attended by domiciliary midwives before the 10th day.
Doctor not booked	Doctor booked	Total	
1	52	53	
			84

Domiciliary confinements represented 38.6% of total births.

## NURSERIES AND CHILD MINDERS REGULATION ACT, 1948

At the end of the year 10 premises were registered as Day Nurseries and 4 persons as Child Minders. It must be pointed out, however, that these are not day nurseries and child minders in the true sense. They are Playgroups and have been registered under this legislation to ensure that the health and welfare of children is adequately safeguarded whilst in the care of persons other than their parents.

Playgroups are, comparatively speaking, a recent development and their emergence is attributable mainly to the totally inadequate provision of local authority day nurseries and nursery schools. The demand for places at these playgroups stems from some mothers wishing to re-commence employment and many more who recognise the benefit, especially for single children, of their being given opportunity of mixing with other children in well organised pre-school activity. These playgroups are run in the main by voluntary bodies, at no cost to the ratepayer, and provide a most valuable service to the community.

Inspection and occasional supervision of these groups is undertaken by the Nursing Officer.

Details of groups registered are given below :-

### Day Nurseries

Mrs. M. Barker  
Wesley Hall  
Anchor Road  
Aldridge

Mrs. E. Bornett  
Community Centre  
Station Road,  
Pelsall

Mrs. Druce,  
Church Hall  
Brooklands Road,  
Wolsall Wood.

Mrs. B. M. Pritchard,  
Methodist Church Hall,  
Anchor Road,  
Aldridge.

### Child Minders

Mrs. P. L. Bloodworth,  
25, Coppy Hall Grove,  
Aldridge.

Mrs. D. J. Towler,  
8, Aldridge Road,  
Streetly.

Mrs. J. Humphrey,  
110, Birmingham Road,  
Aldridge.

Mrs. J.M.L. Derry  
16, Middleton Road,  
Streetly.



Mrs. G. P. Lamb,  
Blackwaad Methodist Church  
Streetly.

Mrs. H. Brazil  
58, Portland Road,  
Streetly

Mrs. V. Lilley,  
Methodist Church Hall,  
Romney Way,  
Great Barr,

Mrs. B. Middleton,  
Tynnings Missian Hall,  
Aldridge.

Mrs. M. Leversley,  
St. Thomas Missian Hall,  
Brownhills.

Mrs. J. E. Henegan,  
Congregational Church Hall,  
Brownhills.

#### NURSING COMFORTS EQUIPMENT

Nursing Camforts are issued by the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the British Red Cross Society.

Distribution centres in the Urban District are as follows :-

##### British Red Cross Society

Miss V. M. Nicholas - 22, Thornhill Road, Streetly.

Mrs. Sanders - 42, Church Raad, Pelsall.

##### St. John Ambulance Brigade

Mrs. N. Seedhouse - 50, Lindon Road, Brownhills.

Mr. A. W. Lote - rear of Council House, Anchor Road, Aldridge.



There were 11 premature live births and 4 premature still births notified during December as follows :-

The progress of live premature births is shown in greater detail in the following table.

1 - 1,000g or less,      2 - 1001 - 1,500g.      3 - 1,501 - 2,000g.      4 - 2,001 - 2,250g.      5 - 2,251 - 2,500g.

## PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTER CARE

Details are given below of the work undertaken during December 1967 by the Social Worker.

	Free	Partial Payment by Patients	Paid in Full by Patients.	Total
1. Number of Patients supplied with extra nourishment.	-	-	-	-
2. Number of patients supplied with clothing	4	-	-	4
3. Number of patients supplied with bedding and furniture	2	-	-	2
4. Number of patients supplied with appliances	2	-	-	2
5. Number of patients supplied with convalescent home treatment	-	-	-	-
6. Number of visits and interviews with patients at home				30
7. Number of patients visited in hospital or sanatorium				2
8. Number of patients seen at office or clinic				-
9. Housing:				
(a) No. of cases recommended				1
(b) No. of cases re-housed				1

## VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

The current Immunisation/Vaccination programme of this Authority is as follows :-

<u>Age</u>	<u>Vaccine</u>	<u>Interval between Doses</u>
3rd Month	1st Triple & 1st Oral Polio )	4 to 6 weeks.
4th Month	2nd Triple & 2nd Oral Polio )	
5th Month	3rd Triple & 3rd Oral Polio )	
During 2nd year	Smallpox	
18 months to 2 years	Triple booster & oral polio booster *	* Given not less than twelve months after completion of primary course.
School Entry	Dip/Tet booster & oral polio booster )	Minimum interval between the Dip/Tet booster & oral polio booster and the Smallpox re-vaccination (whichever is done first) is three weeks.
	Smallpox (re-vaccination only ) )	
End of Junior School Dip/Tet booster (half-dose) & Oral polio booster.		

In the tables below details are given of vaccinations and immunisation carried out in the Urban District during 1967. Dr. C. E. Jamison, Medical Officer to the Lichfield Area Health Committee, has kindly supplied the figures for the first 11 months of the year.

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>60/63</u>	<u>Others under 16 years of age</u>
1. Diphtherio Immunisation.						
(a) No. of children who received a course of primary protection, singly or in combination in 1967	697	1251	197	182	195	564
(b) No. of children who received reinforcing injections in 1967.	-	205	458	119	820	116
2. Whooping Cough Immunisation						
(a) No. of children who received a course of primary protection, singly or in combination in 1967.	684	1207	178	117	78	535
(b) Reinforcing injections	-	205	457	119	825	120
3. Tetanus Inoculation						
(a) Primary	699	1250	198	183	196	551
(b) Reinforcing	-	206	456	120	830	196
4. Poliomyelitis Vaccination						
(a) Primary	762	883	309	71	134	43
(b) Reinforcing (All oral type vaccine)	-	209	449	191	294	136
5. (a) Smallpox Vaccination	<u>0 - 3 months</u>		<u>4 - 6 months</u>		<u>7 - 9 months</u>	<u>10 - 12 months</u>
	12		11		8	2
	<u>1 year</u>		<u>2 - 4 years</u>		<u>5 - 15 years</u>	
	634		428		178	
(b) Revaccinations - 148.						

#### WELFARE FOODS DISTRIBUTION

This Authority is now responsible for the distribution of Welfare Foods, i.e. National Dried Milk, Cod Liver Oil, Orange Juice and Vitamin A. & D. All 8 clinics in the Urban District distribute these foods. It is not possible to give details of issues for the month of December as because of transitional arrangements and for administrative convenience the service remained with the County Council until the end of the December quarter.

In addition to the above, approved proprietary foods are sold from these Centres. The more popular brands are available at very reasonable prices.

# WELFARE OF THE BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED

The Council is required by the National Assistance Act, 1948 to maintain registers of blind and partially sighted persons applying for assistance and to make adequate arrangements for their social welfare. A full time Home Teacher for the Blind is employed by the Council and is seconded to the Walsall, West Bromwich and Aldridge-Brownhills Society for the Blind, who undertake all social work involved on an agency basis.

Numbers registered as Blind  
at 31st December, 1967

Male	51
Female	75
Total	<u>126</u>

Numbers registered as Partially Sighted  
at 31st December, 1967

Male	7
Female	14
Total	<u>21</u>

## Age Periods of Registered Blind

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
Below 1	-	-	-
1	-	-	-
2	-	-	-
3	-	2	2
4	-	-	-
5 - 10	5	-	5
11 - 15	-	1	1
16 - 20	-	-	-
21 - 29	3	2	5
30 - 39	3	-	3
40 - 49	5	4	9
50 - 59	12	8	20
60 - 64	3	7	10
65 - 69	2	6	8
70 - 79	9	20	29
80 - 84	6	13	19
85 - 90	2	10	12
90 and over	1	2	3
TOTAL	51	75	126

Age Periods of Registered Partially Sighted

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
0 - 1	-	-	-
2 - 4	-	-	-
5 - 15	1	2	3
15 - 20	1	2	3
21 - 49	2	2	4
50 - 64	1	1	2
65 and over	2	7	9
Total	7	14	21

Distribution of Local Blind Persons

Category	Male	Female	Total
Children under 5	1	2	3
Children attending school	3	1	4
Children in Sunshine Homes	-	-	-
Children ineducable	-	-	-
Employed in Open Industry	8	2	10
Employed in Workshop for Blind	6	-	6
Home Workers	1	-	1
Trainees	-	-	-
Mental Institutions & Hospitals	3	2	5
Homes for Aged	1	5	6
Voluntary Homes	-	1	1
Remainder - not employed	28	62	90
Total	51	75	126

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
Under 1	12	7	19
1	1	1	2
2	-	-	-
3	-	-	-
4	-	-	-
5 - 10	3	1	4
11 - 15	-	-	-
16 - 20	-	2	2
21 - 29	6	-	6
30 - 39	4	2	6
40 - 49	5	5	10
50 - 59	5	13	18
60 - 64	3	2	5
65 - 69	1	7	8
70 and over	10	34	44
Unknown	1	1	2
Totals	51	75	126

### WELFARE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Apart from the statutory requirement of keeping a register of handicapped persons who apply for assistance the Council is obliged to make arrangements for their social welfare as follows :-

1. assist handicapped persons to overcome the effects of their disabilities and to obtain any available general, preventive or remedial treatment, medical treatment which they appear to require;
2. give advice and guidance to handicapped persons on personal problems and in connection with any services which appear to be available to them and of which they wish to take advantage;
3. encourage handicapped persons to take part in the activities of social centres, clubs or institutions;
4. use their best endeavours to arrange for voluntary workers to visit handicapped persons with a view to affording them comfort and encouragement and assistance in the solution of domestic and other problems confronting them.

Social welfare is undertaken on an agency basis by the Church Mission to the Deaf and Dumb in Walsall, Wednesbury and Mid-Staffordshire.

Numbers on the registers at 31st December, 1967 were as follows

	Males	Females	Total
Deaf	13	12	25
Hard of Hearing	3	1	4

# WELFARE OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

At the end of the year 1967 there were 251 physically handicapped persons on the register. The following table analyses these cases as coded by the Disabled Persons Employment Act, 1944.

<u>Code</u>	<u>General Classes</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
A/E	Amputation	11	3	14
F	Arthritis and Rheumatism	21	56	77
G	Congenital Malformations and Deformities	7	10	17
H/L	Diseases of the Digestive and Genito-Urinary Systems; of the Heart or Circulatory System; of the Respiratory System (other than Tuberculosis) and of the Skin	35	17	52
Q/T	Injuries of the Head, Face, Neck, Thorax, Abdomen, Pelvis or Trunk. Injuries or diseases (other than Tuberculosis) of the Upper and Lower Limbs and of the Spine	20	10	30
V	Organic Nervous Diseases - Epilepsy, Disseminated Sclerosis, Poliomyelitis, Hemiplegia, Sciatica etc.	29	20	49
U/W	Neuroses, Psychoses, and other Nervous Diseases and Mental Disorders not included in V	3	2	5
X	Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	-	-	-
Y	Tuberculosis (Non-Respiratory)	2	-	2
Z	Diseases and Injuries not specified above	2	3	5
		130	121	251

Age Groups - all cases on register

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
0-1	-	-	-
2-4	-	1	1
5-15	1	2	3
16-20	9	9	18
21-50	34	28	62
51-64	44	39	83
65+	42	42	84
Total	130	121	251

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Factories Act, 1961

Housing

Laboratory Services

Midwives Incinerator

Meals on Wheels

Mortuaries

Notification of Infectious Diseases

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Tuberculosis Register

Vehicle for the Disabled and Elderly

Water Supply



Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Particulars	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	3	2	Nil	Nil
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ... ..	218	91	10	Nil
iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL ... ..	221	93	10	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

	Number of Cases in which Defects were found				No of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	REFERRED		
			Inspector To H.M.	Inspector By H.M.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10	11	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	10	11	-	-	-

PART VIII of the Act - OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134) - NIL

## HOUSING

- (a) Much of my own time is taken up by applicants claiming medical priority for re-housing. Cases seen during the year are analysed in the following table:-

Classification	Transfers		New Cases		Welfare		Rejected
	Recommended	Rehoused	Recommended	Rehoused	Recommended	Rehoused	
Physical	40	34	41	23	8	3	31
Tuberculosis	-	1	4	6	-	-	-
Mental	25	16	16	16	-	-	9
	65	51	61	45	8	3	40

- (b) The number of houses erected during 1967:-

(a) By local authority	575
(b) By other authority	2
(c) By private enterprise	565
	<u>1142</u>

The number of houses in course of erection at the end of 1967

(a) By local authority	146
(b) By other authority	Nil
(c) By private enterprise	481
	<u>627</u>

## LABORATORY SERVICES

The Public Health Laboratory Service, Martin Street, Stafford

Tel: Stafford 4377 - Director Dr. W.L. Hooper.

Chemical Laboratory, County Buildings, Stafford.

Tel: Stafford 3121 - County Analyst Mr. Hatsull.

## MIDWIVES INCINERATOR

The "Victor" gas fired incinerator has functioned satisfactorily throughout the year. No complaints have been received. The incinerator has been in use almost continually.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Two Ford Anglia Estate cars are in service, manned by two part-time drivers. Voluntary staff is provided by the W.R.V.S. under the guidance of the District Organiser, Mrs. E. Hunt.

The number of meals served during the year was as follows:

Aldridge Area .. ..	7,267
Brownhills Area. ..	4,396
Brownhills Luncheon Club .. ..	1,282

## MORTUARIES

The two mortuaries in the district continue to operate satisfactorily Both Body refrigerators are functioning well. 133 bodies were brought in during the year.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS  
DISEASES - 1967

AGE GROUP	DISEASE				
	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Dysentery	Meningococcal Infection
Under 1		7	18		
1 year	4	9	97	2	
2 years	8	6	94	2	
3 years	12	12	115		
4 years	12	9	103	1	
5 - 9 years	70	19	197	5	1
10-14 "	3	1	4	1	
15 - 24 "	2	1	1	7	
25 - years		1	1	16	
TOTALS	111	65	630	34	1

	<u>Puerperal Pyrexia</u>	<u>Erysipelos</u>	<u>Tuberculosis</u>	<u>Pneumonia</u>	<u>Ecephalitis</u>	<u>Paratyphoid Fever</u>
Under 5 years	1		1			
5 - 14 years						
15 - 44 years			9	1	2	1
45 - 64 years		1	3	2		
65 + years		1	1	1		
TOTALS	1	2	14	4	2	1

## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The following information has kindly been supplied by Mr. M. R. Vincent Daviss, O.B.E., B.S.C., M.I.C.E., P.P.INST.W.P.C., Engineer to the Upper Tame Moin Drainage Authority.

The Sewage purification plant at Borns Lane, Previously operated by the Aldridge Urban District Council, is overloaded and emergency measures projected by the Urban District Council have been carried into effect by this Authority with some improvement in the effluent. Although there are as yet no firm proposals, this Works will eventually be incorporated in a Regional Scheme.

The sewage purification plant at Wolsall Wood, previously operated by the Brownhills Urban District Council, is grossly overloaded. The new Works initiated by the Brownhills Urban District prior to vesting is now under construction for the Authority by the original Consulting Engineers. The construction was commenced on 1st March, 1968, with a time for completion of two years, at an estimated cost of £576,209.

Other areas within the Aldridge Brownhills Urban District are treated at various Works operated by the Drainage Authority and in fact part of the District drains to the Moin Tame Valley Works at Minworth, the extensions and reconstruction of which will be brought into operation early in 1969 after an expenditure of approximately £14½ million.

## TUBERCULOSIS

Numbers on the Tuberculosis Register at 31st December, 1967 were as follows :-

Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
186	147	333	23	28	51
TOTAL CASES: 384					

## VEHICLE FOR THE DISABLED AND THE ELDERLY

The specially equipped ambulance donated last year by Aldridge Rotary Club and Round Table has continued to operate throughout the district. Most voluntary organisations for the physically handicapped and elderly make use of it on a rota basis for their regular events and outings. Outings outside the district, but not exceeding 50 miles radius, have been permitted by the Council.

Permission was also given in principle, during the year, to individuals using the ambulance vehicle to attend weddings, christenings and funerals when no other means of transport was available. Each application to be considered on its merits by the Committee. One such case was approved in 1967.

The vehicle undoubtedly provides an invaluable service and is greatly appreciated by all concerned. Demand for its use is increasing all the time. At the time of writing it is known that funds are being raised with the objective of obtaining a second vehicle.

## WATER

The urban district is within the statutory area of the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company and Mr. R. H. Taylor, B.Sc., M.I.C.E., Engineer-in-Chief, has kindly let me have the following information in respect of the year 1967:-

1. The supply to the Urban District of Aldridge-Brownhills has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

The supply is derived from one pumping station (Bourne Vale) within and others outside the boundaries of the Authority. A proportion of water of surface origin is also supplied to parts of the district.

Regular and frequent samples, both bacteriological and chemical, are examined from the pumping stations. Bacteriological samples of the raw water are also carried out where possible.

During 1967, 50 samples from Bourne Vale Pumping Station were all free from coliform bacteria. Routine samples were also examined from Barr Beacon Reservoirs, the Waterman's house in Aldridge, Municipal Buildings, Brownhills, High Street, Clayhanger, and from the Waterman's house in Norton Canes.

166 samples were examined from the Barr Beacon Reservoirs, 159 of which were free from coliform bacteria.

12 out of 13 samples from Brownhills, 15 samples from Aldridge, 12 from Clayhanger and 9 from Norton Canes were all free from coliform bacteria.

62 samples were examined from the Norton Canes area, 56 of which were free from coliform bacteria, as were 55 samples from the Walsall Wood area.

2. Sterilisation of waters is carried out where possible at the pumping stations as a precautionary measure. Special apparatus and staff are available in the event of contamination. Chlorination on site is practised following burst mains, etc., laying of new mains and emptying reservoirs. New mains, etc., are not brought into use until the water has been examined and pronounced satisfactory.
3. The number of dwelling houses supplied from public water mains on 31st December 1967 was 27,120. There are no dwellings supplied from outside standpipes in the area. The population is estimated at 3.24 persons per house.

4. No naturally occurring fluoride was present in the water at Bourne Vale Pumping Station, while at Aldridge 0.14 p.p.m. were found.

The average chemical results for 1967 of the tap samples from Aldridge, Brownhills and Norton Canes were :-

	<u>Aldridge</u>	<u>Brownhills</u>	<u>Norton Canes</u>
	7.3	7.5	7.7
		parts per million	
Alkalinity (CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	118	121	84
Chlorides (Cl)	27.3	30.6	16.8
Ammoniacal Nitrogen (N)	.006	Trace	Trace
Albuminoid Nitrogen (N)	.047	.005	Trace
Oxidised Nitrogen (N)	8.2	11.3	4.4
Oxygen absorbed (3 hr at 27° C)	.43	.15	.12
Temporary Hardness	114	115	79
Permanent Hardness	122	141	54
Total Hardness	236	256	133
Iron (Fe)	.09	Trace	Trace
Manganese (Mn)	Trace	Nil	Nil
Lead (Pb)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Fluoride (F)	.14	-	-

The waters are not liable to plumbo-solvency, no lead being found in any of the tap samples examined.

#### REPORT OF CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Meat Inspection  
 Slum Clearance  
 Food Control  
 Caravan Sites  
 Noise Abatement  
 Refuse Collection and Disposal  
 Housing  
 Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960  
 Food and Drugs Act, 1955  
 Milk Samples  
 Carcases and Offal Inspected  
 Clean Air Act, 1956  
 Summary of Inspections  
 The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963  
 Sanitary Inspection - Pail Closets  
 Theatres Act, 1843 - Cinematograph Acts, 1903-1952  
 Pet Animals Act, 1951  
 Riding Establishments Act, 1964  
 Animal Boarding Establishment Act, 1963  
 Petroleum Acts  
 Rats and Mice Destruction Work  
 Public Cleansing.



1967

To the Chairman and Members of Aldridge-Brownhills Urban District Council.  
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1967.

a. Meat Inspection.

The 100% service provided in the previous year was maintained during 1967. The incidence of disease was again mainly minor in character and of limited significance in the overall picture. It was not found necessary for the Authority to impose rigid slaughtering hours upon the licensed slaughterhouse occupiers since a policy of give and take has ensured efficiency. The slaughterhouse occupiers do not make a practice of slaughtering at unreasonable hours and where in emergency, a situation has arisen whereby slaughtering proceeds slightly outside normal office hours, the Public Health Inspectors have extended their hours of duty to cover the period. This is in spite of the upsetting time due to the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease. The resultant closure of markets and the restrictions on the movement of cattle made grave difficulties for the slaughterhouse occupiers and the contribution of this Department was to endeavour to minimise the effects of this outbreak upon the residents of this district.

b. Slum Clearance.

The statistical report upon this subject follows later in the report. However the considerable amount of work to be undertaken on slum clearance resulted in my decision in the later part of the year to concentrate all the available Inspectorial staff onto this work. Clerical help from the Clerks Department ensured that a large increase in the number of Clearance Areas and Individual Demolition Orders were put before the Committee. The large increase in houses inspected, was however only paid for in dislocation of the other routine tasks. The meat inspection was undertaken for this period by the Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector and the routine work of the office was carried on as far as possible by the two pupils.

c. Food Control.

The routine visiting of all food handling establishments continued throughout the year. In addition to the application of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 however, January 1st, 1967 saw the introduction of the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966. This legislation gives a modicum of control to the Local Authority in dealing with Mobile Shops and similar vehicles. However it is possible that some mobile shops escape the net by failing to register with the Local Authority where the vehicle is normally kept and trading in the area of another Local Authority. This means that if such a practice is undertaken, the vehicle will only be inspected when seen operating in the neighbouring Local Authority. This obviously entails a need for close liaison between neighbouring Local Authorities and I am happy to report that this is the current state of affairs.

The number of complaints of unsound food remained little changed from the previous year. The table below gives details of the actual cases taken. The most frequent cause for complaint is generally a result of carelessness on someone's part or of a failure to rotate stock. Rarely, if ever, is there evidence today of a wilful disregard for the safety of the public.

DETAILS OF CASES TAKEN AGAINST FOOD DEALERS.

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Manufacturer.</u>	<u>Retailer.</u>	<u>Result of Case.</u>
Packet of Crisps	Mouldy	Golden Wonder Crisp Co.	Wrensans, Craft Parade, Aldridge.	Fined £10 £6. 6s. costs.
Bottle of cardial	Containing foreign body	Carana Soft Drinks Co.	Dillans Ltd., Beacon Road, Gt. Barr.	Fined £10 Costs £7. 7. 0d.
Havis loaf	- do -	S. Bradford & Sons Ltd.	(Manufacturer)	Fined £10 Costs £7. 7. 0d.

d. Caravan Sites.

The situation with regard to private caravan sites is identical with that pertaining during 1966. The run down of the Council owned site at Clayhanger continued until the site was eventually wound up.

Litigation continued on the Barr Beacon sites and the situation was not resolved at the end of the year.

A new development during 1967 however was the setting up of a small temporary caravan site for Tinkers in transit through the district. This was undertaken after consultation with the local Gypsy Council who gave an undertaking that this would ensure that they would then refrain from using the verges throughout the remainder of the district for camping. This development occurred in November and the pilot scheme was still running at the end of the year. It should be stated however that it is difficult to see how the tinkers will be able to honour their undertaking unless other Local Authorities provide similar sites and as yet there is little sign of such action

e. Noise Abatement.

Complaints relating to this nuisance fell off slightly during the year. Those complaints which do arise tend to be very persistent and difficult to resolve.

f. Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The operation of the collection service continued throughout the year with no impedance by labour troubles or from any other cause. The earlier labour troubles were resolved by the start of 1967 and the integration of the two separate forces was an accomplished fact.

Natural growth of the population, together with more pre-packaging and the increase of smoke control areas results in the increasing use of land for filling. The Wood Lane Tip which had given trouble through the pollution of water was kept in use to a limited extent by the successful filtration of the outgoing waters. This is of course a task which will continue so long as the tip remains in use. Evidence could be observed that similar troubles might well be experienced in the future on the Clayhanger Site and the drainage of this land becomes of prime importance if for no other purpose than to secure safe tipping land. Valuable land will be reclaimed from both these sites in the future and therefore the capital cost of the drainage works will to some extent be offset by the value of the land reclaimed.

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year.

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health Acts or Housing Acts	185
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	734
(2)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	121
(3)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	64
(4)		Houses on which undertakings were given and completed	Nil
		Houses on which undertakings were given and have not been completed	Nil

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notice

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	64
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### 3. Action Under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957:-		
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
(a)	By Owners	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Act:-		
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	26
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
(a)	By Owners	16
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
(c) Proceedings under Sections 17, 23 and 42 of the Housing Act, 1957:-		
(1)	Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	12
(2)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	16
(3)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Clearance Orders	109
(4)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Closing Orders	1
(5)	Houses demolished on land acquired under Section 43(2) of the Housing Act, 1957	Nil
(6)	Local Authority owned houses (not unfit) demolished for redevelopment purposes	13
(7)	Local Authority owned houses (unfit) demolished for redevelopment purposes	15
(8)	Other unfit property demolished by owner	4

### SITUATION OF PROPERTIES DEALT WITH

As shown above.

### INDIVIDUAL DEMOLITION ORDERS REPORTED TO COMMITTEE.

1 Pier Street, Brownhills.  
 36 Coppice Road, Walsall Wood.  
 12 Queen Street, Walsall Wood.  
 34 Pear Tree Lane, Brownhills.  
 159 Watling Street, Brownhills.  
 38 Coppice Road, Walsall Wood.  
 25 Lindon Road, Brownhills.  
 14 Queen Street, Walsall Wood.  
 Coppice Side Farm, Coppice Side, Brownhills.  
 7 Mouse Hill, Pelsall.  
 37/38 Station Road, Pelsall.  
 16 Hednesford Road, Brownhills. (Closing Order)

CLEARANCE AREAS REPORTED TO COMMITTEE.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Castle Street, Watling Street, Brownhills) Clearance Area No. 1

34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 50, 52, 54, Watling Street, Brownhills.  
10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50,  
52, 54, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, Castle Street, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Howdles Lane, Brownhills) Clearance Area No. 2

2, 3 & 4 Howdles Lane, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Howdles Lane, Brownhills) Clearance Area No. 3

31, 33, 35, 37, 39 & 41 Howdles Lane, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Howdles Lane, Brownhills) Clearance Area No. 4

47, 64, 66 Howdles Lane, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Hednesford Road, Brownhills) Clearance Area No. 5

83, 85, 87, Hednesford Road, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Watling Street, Brownhills) Clearance Area No. 6

180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, Watling Street, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Watling Street, Brownhills) Clearance Area No. 7

169 and 170 Watling Street, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Wilkin Road, Brownhills) Clearance Area No. 8

20 and 22 Wilkin Road, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Wilkin Road, Brownhills) Clearance Area No. 9

12 and 14 Wilkin Road, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Hednesford Road, Brownhills) Clearance Area No. 10

44, 46, 48 and 50 Hednesford Road, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood) Clearance Area No. 11

47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61 Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Albutts Road, Brownhills) Clearance Area No. 12

23 and 25 Albutts Road, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Clayhanger Road, Brownhills) Clearance Area No. 13

20 and 22 Clayhanger Road, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Hednesford Road, Brownhills) Clearance Area No. 14

18, 18a, 20, 22, 24, 26 and 28 Hednesford Road, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Church Road, Brownhills) Clearance Area No. 15

5, 7, 9 and 11 Church Road, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Church Road, Brownhills) Clearance Area No. 16

29, 31, 33 Church Road, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Church Road, Brownhills) Clearance Area No. 17

37, 39, and 41 Church Road, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Camden Street, Walsall Wood) Clearance Area No. 18

31 and 33 Camden Street, Walsall Wood.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Wood Lane, Pelsall) Clearance Area No. 19

100 and 102 Wood Lane, Pelsall.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Wood Lane, Pelsall) Clearance Area No. 20

106, 108 and 110 Wood Lane, Pelsall.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Wood Lane, Pelsall) Clearance Area No. 21

118, 120, 122 and 124 Wood Lane, Pelsall.

HOUSES DEMOLISHED

CLEARANCE AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS.

9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, Walter Street, Heath End, Pelsall.

2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, Walter Street, Heath End, Pelsall.

4, 6, 8, 10, Broad Way, High Heath, Pelsall.

21, 22, 23, Narton Road, Pelsall.

12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, Victoria Road, Pelsall.

99, 101, 103, 105, Chester Road, Shire Oak, Brownhills.

40, 42, 44, 46, Lichfield Road, Brownhills.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Narton Raw, Heath End, Pelsall.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, Allens Lane, Pelsall.

147, 149, 151, 153, Lichfield Road, Shire Oak, Walsall Wood.

22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, Castle Street, Brownhills.

40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, Castle Street, Brownhills.

169 and 170 Watling Street, Brownhills.

130 Coronation Road, High Heath, Pelsall (part of Clearance Order)

INDIVIDUAL DEMOLITION ORDERS.

58 Brewers Drive, Heath End, Pelsall.

134, 136, 140, Salters Road, Walsall Wood.

1 and 3 Hally Lane, Walsall Wood.

147 Hally Lane, Walsall Wood.

Two Cottages, Wharf Cottages, Off Whitehorse Road, Brownhills.

55 and 57 Bridge Street, Clayhanger.

1 Pier Street, Brownhills.

35, 37, 39 Wilkin Road, Brownhills.

HOUSES DEMOLISHED IN PURSUANCE OF CLOSING ORDERS.

100 Coppice Side, Walsall Wood.

LOCAL AUTHORITY OWNED HOUSES (UNFIT), DEMOLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR  
REDEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

37, 39, 41, Floyds Lane, Rushall.  
3, 5, 7, 9, Walsall Road, Aldridge.  
64, 66, 68, 70, Hednesford Road, Brownhills.  
43 and 45 Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood.  
8 and 9 Station Road, Pelsall.

LOCAL AUTHORITY OWNED HOUSES (NOT UNFIT) DEMOLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR  
REDEVELOPMENT PURPOSES AND ROAD WIDENING

23 and 25 Rookery Lane, Aldridge.  
The Swan Inn, High Street, Aldridge.  
Methodist Church, High Street, Walsall Wood.  
73 High Street, Walsall Wood.  
Big House Farm, Coppice Side, Brownhills.  
35 Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood.  
1 Walsall Road, Aldridge.  
85a Swingbridge Cottage, Off Pelsall Road, Brownhills.  
25 Walsall Road, Aldridge.  
3 Pier Street, Brownhills.  
Central Hall, Institute Hall and Billiards Room, Station Road, Pelsall.  
10 Salters Road, Walsall Wood.

OTHER UNFIT PROPERTY DEMOLISHED BY OWNER

20 and 22 Coppice Road, Walsall Wood.  
38 and 40 Brownhills Road, Brownhills.

# FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

## Food Premises.

### Inspection and Supervision of:-

Number of Food Shops and Food Preparation Rooms Inspected	..	572
Number of Controventions Found	.. .. .	484
Number of Notices Served	.. .. .	98
Number of Improvements	.. .. .	213
Number of Notices Completed	.. .. .	62
Inspection made re Unsound Food	.. .. .	110

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The Chief Inspector of the Weights and Measures Department of Staffordshire County Council has kindly supplied the following details of samples procured within the district during 1967:-

### The Food and Drugs Act, 1955

#### Aldridge & Brownhills Urban District Council

#### Details of Samples procured during 1967

No. of samples taken	223	No. of samples genuine	213	No. of samples adulterated	10
A.C.D. Vitamin Tablets			Creomy Chocolate Biscuits		
Apples			Creomed Sago Milk Pudding		
Apples Red			Cod Steak		
Beef			Compound Fat		
Butter (14)			Cheese Spread with Smokey Bacon		
Beef Sausage containing preservative (3)			Ceylon Tea		
Butter Beans			Crook Meat		
Blackberries in Syrup			Cheddar Cheese Spread		
Bilberry Low Fat Yoghurt			Creom of Chicken Soup		
Bitter Lemon Drink (2)			Condensed Full Cream Milk		
Bacon Grill			Chocolate Covered Ecloirs		
Bacon Joint			Custard Powder		
Blackcurrant Jelly			Christmas Pudding		
Beef Steak with Gravy			Chopped Pork		
Bronchial Mixture			Chicken Briskies		
Beef Stewed Steak - 95% Meat			Cultured Butter Milk		
Butter Chocolate Cake			Cod Liver Oil Capsules		
Brussel Sprouts Frozen (2)			Dried Potato		
Blackcurrant Wine			Dairy Cream		
Bourbon Biscuits			Drinking Chocolate with Fat free milk		
Beef Curry			Dried Mixed Vegetables		
Boric Acid B.P.			Dried Active Yeast		
Beef Curry with Rice			Desiccated Coconut		
Bier Wurst			Dummy Dip		
Borley Wine			Diabetic Jelly		
Brandy			Donish Shoulder Ham		
Butter Unsalted			Evaporated Milk		
			Eggs		
Chocolate Sandwich Biscuits			Fried Hamburgers with Gravy & Onions		
Coconut Gateau			Fruit Solod Syrup		
Cough Sweets			Frozen Chips		
Cooking Fat			Fruit Malt Loaf		
Crispy Filled Wofer			Fish Fingers (2)		
Cheese Spread			French Nougat		
Corned Beef (2)			Fruit Cocktail		
Chocolate & Vanilla Bottenburg			Full Fat Soft Cheese		

Ground Almonds  
Glucadin  
Golden Eye Ointment  
Ground Nut Oil  
Garden Peas  
Golden Barley Sugar Sweets  
Garden Peas (Frozen)  
Gin

Hake Portions  
Hat Dag Relish  
Ham & Chicken Roll  
Haslet  
Halibut

Instant Dried Non-fat-milk Skimmed  
Instant Coffee (2)  
Ice Cream Dairy Vanilla  
Iced Gem Biscuits  
Ice Cream Peach Delight  
Ice Cream Carnish  
Ice Cream

Jam Sponge  
Jelly Mix Strawberry  
Jamaican Honey

Lamb Garni  
Lamb Grill  
Lard (4)  
Low fat soft Cheese  
Lettuce  
Liver Sausage  
Lard American

Margarine 10% Butter (2)  
Marmalade  
Milk Chocolate  
Margarine (3)  
Mashed Potato Flakes  
Milk Chocolate Finger Biscuits  
Minestrone Soup Mixture  
Muesli  
Minced Steak & Onions

Neck of Beef

Orange Squash Concentrated  
Orange Curd

Pork Sausage containing preservative (18)  
Pork Luncheon Meat (4)  
Peeled Tomatoes  
Prunes in Syrup  
Potatoes in Brine  
Pepsi Cola  
Plain Flour  
Peeled Round White Potatoes

Pork Dripping with Jelly  
Pork Cutlets with Champignons in Sauce  
Pork Sausage

Raspberry Pie Filling  
Ready Cooked Mixed Cereal  
Roasting Chicken  
Rib Beef  
Rose Cream Mallow  
Red Currant Jelly  
Red Wine  
Rum (2)

Shoulder Ham  
Steak & Kidney Pudding  
Stewed Steak in Gravy  
Sparkling Orange Drink  
Soft Cheese with Shrimp  
Soft Cheese with Garlic  
Spring Cabbage  
Shin Beef  
Steak & Kidney Pie (2)  
Sunny Spread  
Sliced Cut Green Beans  
Seed Tapioca  
Self Raising Flour  
Shandy  
Sausage Catering containing pres.  
Savoury Crackers.  
Sliced Milk Tea Roll  
Sage & Onion Stuffing Mix  
Sherry Dry  
Sherry Medium  
Sherry Cream (2)

Tea (4)  
Table Salt  
Trifle Topping  
Tea Small leaf  
Tender Burgers

U.H.T. Milk

Vapour Rub  
Veal & Ham Crumb Roll  
Vin Blanc

Whole Kernel Corn  
Whole Orange Drink  
Wrapping Paper  
Westend Grill  
Whisky (2)  
Yorkshire Pudding  
Zinc & Castor Oil B.P.



Particulars of adulterated samples82 B/Z Hake PortionsIncorrectly labelled

Investigations proceeding.

8 B/D Soft Cheese with ShrimpIncorrectly labelled

New labels printed

9 B/D Soft Cheese with GarlicIncorrectly labelled

New labels printed

95 B/B Park Sausage containing pres.20.9% Deficient of Meat

No further action to be taken.

46 B/J Beef Curry50% Deficient of meat

Investigations proceeding.

80 B/D Park SausageUndeclared preservativeProsecute. Conditional discharge  
on payment of £13. 7s. 0d. costs.81 B/J Beef Curry with Rice38.6% Deficient of meat

Investigations proceeding

14 B/L Catering SausageUndeclared preservative

Investigations proceeding

49 B/U Park Sausage containing pres.6.1% Deficient of meat

Investigations proceeding

74 B/L A.C.D. Vitamin TabletsDeficient in Vitamin C

Investigations proceeding

UNSOUND FOODS.

The following goods were inspected and found unfit for human consumption:-

	Cwts.	lbs.
Canned Meats ..	4	47
Other Canned Foods	1	7
Other Foods ..	1	28
	<u>6</u>	<u>82</u>

MILK SAMPLES COLLECTED IN ALDRIDGE-BROWNHILLS URBAN DISTRICT  
FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION DURING 1967PASTEURISED MILK

	Total	Methylene Satis.	Blue Test Unsatis.	Phosphatase Satis.	Test Unsatis.
Schools	49	48	1	49	-
School Canteens	29	29	-	29	-
Hospitals, Homes, etc.	17	17	-	17	-
	<u>95</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>95</u>	

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED  
IN WHOLE OR PART

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed .. .. .	1,426	-	59	8,355	4,191
Number inspected .. .. .	1,426	-	59	8,355	4,191
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci;</u>					
Whale carcasses condemned .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	221	-	2	348	510
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerci .. .. .	15.4%	-	3.4%	4.1%	12.4%
<u>Tuberculosis only;</u>					
Whale carcasses condemned .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	25
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis .. .. .	-	-	-	-	0.59%
<u>Cysticercosis;</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected and affected with cysticercosis .. .. .	-	-	-	-	-

Weight of meat and offal condemned: 3 tons 3 cwt. 63 lbs.



Domestic Smoke Control

The steady increase of premises brought into smoke Control Areas has again continued during the year when a further three Smoke Control Orders made during the previous year finally came into operation.

The Orders were as follows :-

(1) The Aldridge-Brownhills No. 24 Smoke Control Order.

This Order covered the second stage of the Streetly programme

(2) The Aldridge-Brownhills No. 25 Smoke Control Order.

This order brought the existing properties in Lazy Hill Road, Aldridge into line with the new developments already in Smoke Control Orders which surrounded them.

(3) The Aldridge-Brownhills No. 26 Smoke Control Order.

This order was to cover all further development on the Cottage Farm Site, Aldridge Road, Streetly.

All occupiers were informed of the date of operation and those that required alterations were requested to claim for the mandatory 7/10 grant.

By the end of the year most of the conversions had been completed and grants paid.

Only one new smoke control order was prepared and made during the year. This order finally became known as the Aldridge-Brownhills No. 27A Smoke Control Order. This is the third stage of the Streetly programme and links all the previous Streetly Orders with the Pheasey Smoke Control Order.

No. of Smoke Control Orders in Operation	31.12.67	26	
Total No. of Dwellings covered by Orders	"	9032	34.7% of all dwellings
Total Acreage covered	"	1260 Acres	9.5% of all district

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Individual Areas adjoining each other to form single units

	Total No. of Dwellings	Total Acreage
Areas Nos. 2, 13, 23, 25	585	224
Areas Nos. 3, 9, 22, 24	2148	299

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<u>Areas awaiting Confirmation</u>	31.12.67	1
Dwellings		550
Acreage		889 acres

Further Smoke Control Orders under consideration at the end of the year are adjoining and linking up existing areas. One is again situated in the Streetly area and second is based on the Council's Stage II development at Heath End, Pelsall.

As one can see in the Table the effect of joining existing orders together and adding to them is slowly becoming apparent particularly in the Streetly Area. It is hoped that in addition to all new developments being placed in Smoke Control Orders, future orders will continue to increase the effective size of the existing orders in Aldridge and Pelsall by joining them into larger units.

Industrial Smoke Control

There has been little activity on the general industrial scene during the last year, only one isolated serious smoke emission being noted. This was found to be due to plant breakdown and was quickly remedied by the firm concerned.

Nineteen notifications were received as required by Section 3 Clean Air Act, 1956 for new fuel burning plant installed in premises.

The majority of these referred to the installation of only small space or water heating appliances.

Two notifications submitted were for medium sized plant and minimum chimney height required by the Authority was agreed to by the firms concerned.

#### Metallurgical Works and Brick Works

While most of the industry of the district has a good record of smoke prevention, certain metallurgical industries within and without the district have continued to give rise to a considerable number of justifiable complaints of nuisance from fume emission.

The Alkali Inspectorate have been made aware of these complaints and have made several visits to the Department and firms concerned to discuss the matter.

It was hoped that one firm would have plant for the pretreatment of scrap installed by mid-summer but it had not been commissioned by the end of the year although the installation was complete.

The plant should reduce the amount of fume over the furnaces and prevent a dark stack emission but some low level fume emission is almost certain to continue from the foundry ventilation louvres until a more efficient extraction system is designed for the furnaces to reduce the amount of fume escaping to the foundry atmosphere when charging and pouring takes place.

Complaints of fume and noise nuisance continue to be made concerning the firm without the district. Again the fume nuisance is due to the difficulties in collecting metallurgical fume from furnaces.

The firm are carrying out modifications to the plant and the results will be seen at a later date.

The noise nuisance is rather elusive and is, at the end of the year, still under investigation.

The worst source of nuisance from smoke pollution continued to arise from the group of brick yards situated in the centre of the district. Their continuous emissions of black smoke can often be seen from the chimneys of kilns which discharge at a very low level.

There may be some improvement however from one of the larger manufacturer who is proposing to instal a continuous tunnel kiln which should bring some relief in the coming year.

#### DEPOSIT GAUGES - RECORDS OF DEPOSITS DEPOSITS IN TONS PER SQUARE MILE PER MONTH

							Brownhills	Shelfield
January	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.63	11.76
February	..	..	..	..	..	..	19.96	17.31
March	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	16.32
April	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.27	14.26
May	..	..	..	..	..	..	27.45	47.70
June	..	..	..	..	..	..	23.04	13.79
July	..	..	..	..	..	..	17.31	16.19
August	..	..	..	..	..	..	12.94	12.28
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.94	22.11
October	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.21	45.40
November	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.54	15.31
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.34	12.74
Totals							166.63 (11 months)	245.17

LEAD PEROXIDE GAUGES - RECORD OF  
SULPHUR POLLUTION

WEIGHT OF SULPHUR TRIOXIDE COLLECTED IN  
MILLIGRAMS PER 100 SQUARE CM. PER DAY

							Brawn hills	Shelfield
January	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.99	1.26
February	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.38	1.44
March	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	1.13
April	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.08	1.85
May	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.96	1.27
June	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.16	0.49
July	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.71	0.39
August	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.01	0.31
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.17	0.47
October	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.85	0.86
November	..	..	..	..	..	..	3.03	1.17
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.04	1.26
Totals							19.38 (11 months)	11.90

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR 1967

Accumulations	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	210
Aged persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Animals keeping af	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	101
Ash pits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Atmospheric pollution	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	214
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Brook course pollution	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
Butcher's shop	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Cesspools	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Combustion plant	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
Disinfections and disinfestations				..	..	..	..	2
Drains - new and/or tested	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57
- existing and/or defective			..	..	..	..	..	152
- cleansed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	252
Dustbins	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
New dustbins delivered	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Factories	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	93
Factory canteens	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Fish fryers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Food premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	572
Housing - Public Health Act - repairs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	620
- Housing Act - repairs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
- Demolition - informal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	68
" - Statutory	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	166
- Clearance areas	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	816
- Housing improvements	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
- Improvement grants	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
- Certificates of disrepair	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
- Overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25

- Subsidence domoge	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
- Verminous or dirty	..	..	..	..	..	..	44
Infectious disease enquiries	..	..	..	..	..	..	136
Insects	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
Meat inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	520
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	367
Moveable dwellings	..	..	..	..	..	..	41
Noise nuisance	..	..	..	..	..	..	66
Offices, shops and railway premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	552
Poils	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Petroleum storage	..	..	..	..	..	..	95
Privies	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Refuse tips	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Refuse collection - house	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Rodent control	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
School conteens	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Shops Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Slughterhouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Smoke Control Areas	..	..	..	..	..	..	679
Theatre Licences and Cinemo Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Trade Refuse	..	..	..	..	..	..	66
Unsound food	..	..	..	..	..	..	122
Water closets	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Samples - water, boteriological	..	..	..	..	..	..	46
- chemical	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
- foecol	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
- otmospheric pollution	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
Mobile Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Riding schools	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Piggeries	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
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### THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

#### (o) ROUTINE INSPECTIONS

Throughout the year routine inspections were corried out of oll premises registered with the Local Authority.

As the table below indicotes, most of the premises to which the oct opplies have been registered prior to this year ond hove olready received o general inspection, consequently the visits undertoken have been moiny concerned with oscertoining that the premises still comply fully with oll the requirements of the Act.

<u>CLASS OF PREMISES.</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PREMISES REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR.</u>	<u>NUMBER REGISTERED AT END OF YEAR.</u>
Offices	5	90
Retail Shops	21	306
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	11
Catering Establishments open to the Public, Contreens	3	46
Fuel Storage Depots	-	1
TOTALS	29	454

TOTAL NO. OF VISITS UNDERTAKEN DURING THE YEAR - 522

#### (b) CONTRAVENTIONS

Controventions found at premises during the year were moiny of o minor noture, although the number is greater thon that recorded during the previous year. This is moiny due to the increase in the number of visits undertoken, ond also to the fact that first oid kits at many premises had been allowed to foll below the stondord required.

## ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS.

<u>Section</u>		
4	Cleanliness	46
5	Overcrowding	-
6	Temperature	59
7	Ventilation	4
8	Lighting	21
9	Sanitary Conveniences	16
10	Washing Facilities	36
12	Clothing Accommodation	4
13	Sitting Facilities	3
16	Floors, Passoges and Stairs	39
24	First Aid, General Provisions	62
TOTAL		290

### (c) ACCIDENTS

Four accidents were reported to the Local Authority during the year under review. In each case a thorough investigation was carried out but no formal action was found to be necessary, as the safety provisions of the Act had been complied with in every instance. One accident only involved a bacon slicer and generally the injuries reported were not a serious nature.

## COMPLAINTS.

Complaints received of the Health Department and dealt with:

Drainage, House Defects, Nuisances	180
Defective Dustbins . . . . .	406
House and Trade Refuse Service . .	740
Rats and Mice Infestation . . . .	502
	1828

### NOTICES DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR

	Notices Served	Notices Completed
Informal . . . .	64	64
Formal . . . .	26	16
	90	80

## SANITARY INSPECTION - PAIL CLOSETS

The number of pail closets in the district is 20. It is anticipated that the figure will decrease due to the demolition of unfit properties.

### THEATRES ACT, 1843

#### CINEMATOGRAF ACT, 1903 - 1952.

Number of applications for the performance of stage plays received and granted . . . . .	6
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Annual inspection of cinemas:-

Avian Cinema, Aldridge . . . . .	1
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Inspections concerning the above were carried out in conjunction with the Staffordshire County Council Fire Brigade Fire Precautions Officers, whose co-operation is greatly appreciated.

### PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Applications received and granted for a Licence to keep a Pet Shop . . . . .	3
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#### RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964

Applications received and granted for a Licence under the above act . . . . .	5
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#### ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963

Applications received and granted for a Licence under the above act . . . . .	3
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### PETROLEUM ACTS.

There are 99 premises licensed under the Act including 4 new installations.

It is the duty of the department to carry out inspections of all new installations including the observation of rather stringent tests which must be applied to the tanks, pipelines and electrical equipment before the license is issued.

A system for the routine inspection of all installations has been instigated and it is hoped that all the licensed premises will be visited annually in the future. These routine inspections will ensure that all the necessary fire-fighting equipment and warning notices are provided and that where necessary, all the older under-ground tanks in the district are emptied and re-tested to ensure that they are still sound.

There was one serious accident during the year due to the proper safety precautions not being observed during the draining of a fuel tank from a motor vehicle. Burns were sustained by five persons in the garage, most of which were to the upper limbs and were relatively minor but the fitter actually engaged on the work received 60% burns which resulted in his subsequent death.

The matter was reported to the Health Committee and the firm involved were prosecuted under the Petroleum Spirit (Motor Vehicles etc.) Regulations, 1929. The Magistrates imposed the maximum fine of £20. with £12. 10. 0d. costs.

A circular was issued by this department to all the garages in the area who carry out this sort of work, pointing out the precautions that should be taken to prevent any recurrence of this accident and it is hoped that, with more regular visits by the Public Health Inspector that garages and operatives can be educated to be more accident conscious.



# RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION WORK.

## Premises Inspected (To confirm infestation or otherwise)

	<u>Totals</u> <u>Inspected</u>	<u>Found</u> <u>Infested</u>	<u>Found</u> <u>non-</u> <u>Infested</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Visits</u> <u>Made</u>
Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses)	199	199	-	947
Business Premises . . . . .	49	49	-	233
Council Premises . . . . .	12	12	-	57
Agricultural Premises . . . . .	1	1	-	20
	<u>261</u>	<u>261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1257</u>

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 75 (1)

Number of Statutory Notices served . . . . .	19
Number of Informal Notices served . . . . .	233
	<u>252</u>

## PUBLIC CLEANSING.

(This section of the Report relates to the year commencing 1st April, 1967 and terminating 31st March, 1968).

### Staff:

Cleansing Inspector	1
Cleansing Foreman	1

### Male Employees:

Refuse Collection	51
Refuse Disposal	3

### Vehicles:

<u>Registration No.</u>	<u>Vehicle.</u>	<u>Year.</u>
794.VRF	S & D Fare and Aft Tipper	1958
6201.RF	S & D Fare and Aft Tipper	1960
379.CBF	S & D Pakamatic	1962
245.KBF	S & D Pakamatic	1963
ORF.263B	Eagle Crushload	1964
CBF.663D	Automatic Loader	1966
BRF.360E	S & D Pakamatic	1967
NBF.499	Dennis Paxit 11	1961
RBF.940	Dennis Paxit 111	1961
LRE.236B	Side Loader	1964
EBF.910C	Dennis Paxit 111A	1965
	2 Bristol Taurus Tractors	

COST STATEMENT TO THE 31 ST MARCH, 1968  
COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSE AND TRADE REFUSE

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Collection</u> £	<u>Disposal</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
REVENUE ACCOUNT			
GROSS EXPENDITURE:-			
Labour ... ..	48,292	1,376	49,668
Transport ... ..	23,694	4,196	27,890
Other Items ... ..	1,272	527	1,799
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TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE ... ..	73,258	6,099	79,357
GROSS INCOME ... ..	3,732	-	3,732
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NET COST ... ..	69,526	6,099	75,625
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This report indicates the work of the Department for the first complete year of the new Authority.

The extension of services is shown clearly in the statistics in the foregoing sections of the report and I am happy to state that many of the initial teething troubles were overcome during this year.

It would be remiss of me at this stage, not to record my personal thanks to Dactor Shore, Medical Officer of Health, together with all other Chief Officers of the Council for the help and assistance which I have always received. Not least of course, I must also express my thanks to members of the Health Committee for their ever present support and of course the manual, clerical and inspectorial staff of the Health Department without whom none of the work would take place.

Your obedient servant,

H. C. Perkins

Chief Public Health Inspector





